

I. AMENDMENTS UNDER REVISED 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

A. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A fitting for attaching an end of a duct section of relatively small cross-section to an arcuate surface of a duct section of relatively large cross-section, comprising:

a generally cylindrical collar having a generally circular first end generally orthogonal to the collar axis, and a generally circular second end oblique to said axis at a predetermined angle; and

a body having an upper portion terminating in a generally circular end inclined at said angle, said collar second end ~~rotatably circumferentially~~ attached to said body upper portion end[[.]] thereby determining an interface plane, the collar second end rotatable in said plane with respect to the body upper portion end.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The fitting of claim 1, further comprising a skirt flaring downwardly from said body upper portion and terminating in a base, said skirt having generally opposed first and second flanges terminating, respectively, in canted first and second lips, said base determined circumferentially by said lips and arch-shaped forward and rearward edges disposed between the lips.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The fitting of claim 2, wherein a damper is pivotally positioned within the collar.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The fitting of claim 2, wherein said forward edge is arched higher than said rearward edge.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The fitting of claim 4, wherein when ~~the fitting said skirt base~~ is attached to an arcuate surface of a relatively large cross-section duct section, ~~the said collar second end~~ is rotatable so that [[it]] the collar can be canted at any angle with respect to said duct section in a range from about 55 to about 90 degrees.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The fitting of claim 5, wherein said collar and body are each formed from sheet metal having a preselected thickness.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The fitting of claim 6, wherein said thickness is about 0.050-inch.

Claims 8-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (new): A fitting for attaching an end of a duct section of relatively small cross-section to an arcuate surface of a duct section of relatively large cross-section, comprising:

a generally cylindrical collar having a generally circular first end generally orthogonal to the collar axis, and a generally circular second end oblique to said axis at a predetermined angle and having a first circumferential arc-shaped bead;

a body having an upper portion terminating in a generally circular end inclined at said angle and having a second circumferential arc-shaped bead, said collar second end circumferentially attached to said body upper portion end by said first bead interlocked with said second bead, thereby determining an interface plane, the collar second end rotatable in said plane with respect to the body upper portion end; and

the body flaring downwardly in a cone-shaped skirt terminating in a base and having generally opposed first and second flanges terminating, respectively, in first and second canted lips, said base determined circumferentially by said lips, and first and second arch-shaped forward and rearward edges disposed between said lips.